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1. (Currently Amended) A bridge fitting for use in a fluid manifold system for being in fluid communication with two or more surface mounted fluid components having an inlet port and an adjacent outlet port, the bridge fitting comprising:

a housing comprising a first port disposed at a first end portion of the housing connected to a second port disposed at a second end portion of the housing, with an internal fluid passageway joining said first port and said second port and spacing the first port and the second port apart; a first projection extending from less than an entirety of a substantially planar surface of the first end portion of the housing and a second projection extending from less than an entirety of a substantially planar surface of the second end portion of the housing, wherein at least one of the first and second projections is spaced apart from the first and second ports.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1 wherein the first projection is located opposite the first port.

4. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1 wherein the second projection has a size different than said first projection.

5. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1 wherein the second projection has a different shape than said first projection.

6. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1 wherein said first projection comprises a first boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

7. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 6 wherein said second projection comprises a second boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

8. - 33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A bridge fitting comprising:

a housing including an upper surface and a substantially planar bottom-most surface, the housing further comprising:

a first port disposed on the upper surface of the housing;

a second port coplanar with the first port;

a U-shaped internal fluid passageway within the housing originating at the first port and terminating at the second port; and

a locating feature disposed on the bottom-most surface of the housing and extending from less than an entirety of the bottom-most surface, the locating feature being spaced apart from the internal passageway.

35. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 34, wherein the locating feature comprises a projection.

36. - 38. (Canceled).

39. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one projection is first and second projections are~~ adapted to prevent incorrect orientation of the bridge fitting within the fluid manifold system.

40. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one projection engages a first and second projections engage corresponding at least one mating feature first and second mating features~~ of the fluid manifold system in only one orientation within the fluid manifold system.

41. (Previously presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the first and second projections together are asymmetrical with respect to a center line of the housing.

42. (Previously presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the first and second ports are coplanar.

43. (New) A bridge fitting for use in a fluid manifold system for being in fluid communication with two or more surface mounted fluid components having an inlet port and an adjacent outlet port, the bridge fitting comprising:

a housing comprising a first port connected to a second port, with an internal fluid passageway joining said first and second port; and at least one projection extending from less than an entirety of a substantially planar surface of the housing, wherein the at least one projection is spaced apart from the first and second ports.

44. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 43 further comprising a second projection extending from less than an entirety of a second substantially planar surface of the housing.

45. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein the second projection is spaced apart from the first and second ports.

46. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein the second projection is located opposite the first port.

47. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein the second projection has a size different than said first projection.

48. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein the second projection has a different shape than said first projection.

49. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 43 wherein said first projection comprises a boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

50. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein said first projection comprises a first boss extending from a lower surface of said housing said second projection comprises a second boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

51. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 43 wherein the at least one projection is adapted to prevent incorrect orientation of the bridge fitting within the fluid manifold system.

52. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 43 wherein the at least one projection engages a corresponding at least one mating feature of the fluid manifold system in only one orientation within the fluid manifold system.

53. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 43 wherein the first and second projections together are asymmetrical with respect to a center line of the housing.

54. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 44 wherein the first and second ports are coplanar.

55. (New) A bridge fitting comprising:
a housing comprising:
a first port coplanar with a second port;

an internal fluid passageway within the housing, wherein at least a portion of the internal fluid passageway connects said first and second ports; and

a locating feature extending from less than an entirety of a substantially planar surface of the housing, the locating feature being spaced apart from the internal passageway.

56. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 55 wherein the locating feature comprises a projection.